

CLAIMS

1. A decorative display apparatus (8) for displaying at least one of culinary, horticultural and floral items (16) comprising:

5 a support (14) for supporting the at least one of culinary, horticultural and floral items; and

an interface (12) cooperating with the support (14), the interface having magnetic properties and being constructed and arranged to mount the support (14) to a surface (10) that has one of magnetic properties and non-magnetic properties.

10 2. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 1, wherein the interface (12) is removably attached to the support (14).

3. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 1, wherein the interface (12) is permanently attached to the support (14).

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4. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 1-3, wherein the interface (12) comprises a magnet (26) attached to the support (14) and constructed and arranged to mount the support (14) to a surface (10) that has magnetic properties.

20 5. The display apparatus (8) according to claims 1-3, wherein the interface (12) comprises a magnet (26) and a magnetically attractable member (22) that cooperate to mount the support (14) to a surface (10) having non-magnetic properties by sandwiching the surface (10) between the magnet (26) and the magnetically attractable member (22).

25 6. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 5, wherein the magnetically attractable member (22) comprises a magnet.

7. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 5, wherein the magnetically attractable member (22) comprises a metallic plate.

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8. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 1-7, wherein the support (14) comprises at least a portion of the interface (12).

9. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 5, wherein the support (14) is attached to the magnet (26).

10. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 5, wherein the support (14) is attached to
5 the magnetically attractable member (22).

11. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 4-5, wherein the magnet (26) is substantially hidden from sight.

10 12. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 1-11, wherein the support (14) comprises one of a bud vase (14d), a test tube and a watering tube.

13. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 1-11, wherein the support (14) comprises an elongate sculpting wire (14) having a first proximal end (15) that is proximate
15 the interface (12), a second distal end (17) and a length (19) therebetween, the wire (14) being adapted to be formed and reformed by a user into any desired shape, the wire (14) being adapted to support the at least one of culinary, horticultural and floral items (16) in any desired orientation and at any position on the wire.

20 14. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 13, wherein the wire (14) is formed of malleable aluminum.

15. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 13-14, wherein a portion of the wire (14) proximate the second distal end (17) is adapted to support the at least one of culinary,
25 horticultural and floral items (16).

16. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 13-15, wherein a portion of the wire (14) is constructed and arranged to be wrapped around the at least one of culinary, horticultural and floral items (16).

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17. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 1-16, in combination with the at least one of culinary, horticultural and floral items (16).

18. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 17, wherein the at least one of culinary, horticultural and floral items (16) is held near the second distal end (17).

19. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 17-18, as dependent upon any of claims 13-16, wherein the at least one of culinary, horticultural and floral items (16) comprises a plurality of separate items, with at least one item being held at a position on the wire (14) that is spaced from another item held on the wire (14).

20. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 17-19, as dependent upon any of claims 7-13, wherein the wire (14) further comprises an unadorned portion where neither the surface (10) to which the apparatus (8) is mounted nor the at least one of culinary, horticultural and floral items (16) is attached.

21. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 1-16 or the combination according to any of claims 18-20, in combination with the surface (10).

22. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 21, wherein the surface (10) is selected from the group consisting essentially of a serving platter, a vase, a bottle holder, a bowl and a pedestal.

23. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 21, wherein the interface (12) comprises an insulating material (12e), such that the support (14) can be mounted to an ice sculpture (11).

24. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 21, wherein the surface (10) comprises a magnet.

25. The display apparatus (8) according to claim 21, wherein the surface (10) has magnetic properties.

26. The display apparatus (8) according to any of claims 1-25, further comprising a second surface (10), wherein the support is adapted to support the second surface.

27. The display apparatus (8) according to any of the pending claims wherein the interface comprises a releasable clamp constructed and arranged to clamp onto the support.